

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2000

Agency: Carthage Police Dept.

Population: 9,450

age 18 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	981	830	19	124	2	2	3
Searches	81	54	3	24	0	0	0
Arrests	56	34	2	20	0	0	0
Statewide population %	N/A	86.38	10.41	1.82	1.43	1.03	0.99
Local population %	N/A	88.23	1.67	10.98	2.07	2.01	6.46
Disparity index	N/A	0.96	1.16	1.15	0.10	0.10	0.05
Search rate	8.26	6.51	15.79	19.35	0.00	0.00	0.00

Notes:

Population figures are for those who are 18 years of age and older. Figures are from the 2000 Census (driving-age figures are not yet available).

Black, Asian, and American Indian includes persons of mixed race. Other race includes unknown race.

The disparity index = proportion of stops / proportion of population. A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	611	512	13	79	2	2	3
	Equipment	201	173	4	23	1	0	0
	License	209	177	4	28	0	0	0
Stop outcome	Citation	316	253	3	58	1	1	0
	Warning	769	670	19	74	2	1	3
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	0					0	
	US hwy	9	9				0	
	State hwy	133	106	3	23		1	
	County road	4	3			1	0	
	City street	829	707	16	100	2	1	3
	Other	6	5		1		0	
Driver gender	Male	686	553	16	111	2	1	3
	Female	295	277	3	13	1	1	
Driver age	17 and under	141	138	1	1	0	1	
	18-29	482	376	10	94	2	0	
	30-39	158	135	2	19	1	0	1
	40 and over	200	181	6	10	0	1	2

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	26	22	2	2	0	0	0
	Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Incident to arrest	52	29	1	22	0	0	0
	Plain view contraband	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
What searched	Driver	67	43	2	22	0	0	0
	Car/property	77	52	3	22	0	0	0
Search duration	0-15 minutes	80	53	3	24	0	0	
	16-30 minutes	1	1			0	0	
	31+ minutes	0				0	0	
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	13	11	0	2	0	0	0
	Currency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Weapon	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	20	17	1	2	0	0	0
	Drug violation	9	9	0	0	0	0	0
	Resist arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DWI/BAC	28	10	1	17	0	0	0
	Property offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	9	4	0	5	0	0	0

Agency response

I find this reported summary, which is actually an attempt at analysis, to have the same mentality as the law itself; that is, if we can't get it quite right, we'll proceed anyway. Driving age figures are not yet available, so you have proceeded anyway with the percentages and figures as if they were factual when they are not based on the population total or the driving age total. You should have stayed with the total population figures or waited for the correct driving figures. As to our specific jurisdiction, we are home to several large, labor-intensive businesses that employ as many as 70% Hispanic workers. No one believes that the 2000 census counted anywhere near all of the undocumented population here. I firmly believe that the Hispanic population is two or three times what the census has reported. I presume that you have noticed that the searches themselves are, in some population groups, almost entirely in the "incident to arrest" category, an excellent indication that vehicle stops are not a pretext to search. I realize the AGO did not ask for this task. However, you have not made it better.